



CITY OF WEST SAINT PAUL

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**ROBERT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting**  
**February 13, 2014 –3:00 p.m.**

**Record of Meeting**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions – see attached attendance list**
- 2. Summary of Recent Activities**

Dave Hutton summarized the recent Council activities over the last two months since the PAC had last met and made their streetscape recommendations to the Council. Basically, the Council has modified the street scape elements for the following items:

- Consideration for boulevard trees. There are two options being considered – one with the trees closer to the curb and one with the trees behind the sidewalk. They both have some pros and cons and cost impacts. These will be discussed in more detail at the next PAC meeting.
- Divide the project into two separate projects in order to allow the federal aid portion of the project to stay on track and meet the sunset deadline. This allows additional time to determine the final tree locations and secure any necessary easements as part of the second project, entirely City funded.
- Modify the phasing to build Robert Street in two construction seasons rather than the current three seasons. This has nothing to do with the boulevard trees, but really is a function of the amount of work that can be done after the City finally receives the federal authorization to proceed, by June 30, 2014. It has been decided to just work on some of the “off Robert” street improvements in 2014, and do the main Robert Street work in 2015 and 2016.

- 3. Street Light Discussion**

Mike McGarvey gave an overview of current design, which was approved by the PAC in October 2013. He then briefly went over the two tree options and indicated the Council has expressed a desire to move the lights up to the curb line, rather than the current desire behind the sidewalks. The main purpose of today’s meeting was to review the street light design and discuss options related to pole height, spacing, photo metrics requirements, and aesthetic options for the luminaires

Mike presented three options: Option A is the current design at 30 feet high. Option B reduces the pole height to 25 feet. Option C further reduces it to 20 feet. He provided drawings and a summary chart showing how these potential modifications to the lighting design would impacts the project visually and financially.

Dave Hutton showed the animation video, which was prepared for the Council for the tree options, but it also showed the street lights relative to the trees.

PAC members discussed the various options and determined that the current pole height of 30 feet was too high and recommended it be lowered to 25 feet. Also, the type of luminaire and extension arm was discussed between Options A (current design) and Option B (similar to the lights near the Northern Service Center on Mendota Road). Matt Fulton indicated that there would be some merit to being consistent throughout the City with the pole and luminaire style. The general consensus of the PAC was to recommend the current luminaire to the Council.

Action Item

- Make recommendation to City Council on final lighting design.

**4. Summary of Boulevard Tree Options**

Dave Hutton briefly went over the two options for the boulevard trees and indicated this would be discussed in more detail at the next PAC meeting. He indicated that there is a high likelihood that some combination of Options 1 and 2 would be used, due to the various nature and character of the different segments of the corridor.

**5. Projects Schedule**

- Project 1 – Federal project. This project must be authorized by June 2014 and will be constructed in 2015 and 2016.
- Project 2 – City boulevard project. This project will lag behind the federal project due to the design and easement acquisition time needed. A final schedule has not been determined, but this project will probably go one year after the federal project.

**6. Next PAC Meeting – March 13, 2014.**

- Meet monthly until final boulevard design approved.
- Anticipate three months total for meetings.

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